पहले प्लेटफार्म सं० 2 पर शेड लगाने की योजना को मंजूरी दी गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अभी तक शेड का निर्माण न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) शेड के कब तक बनाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

रेल विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) इस कार्य को धन की उपलब्धता के अनुसार, रेलों के भावी निर्माण कार्यक्रमों में शामिल करने के बारे में विचार किया जाएगा ।

Merger of Mughal Lines with Shipping Corporation of India

931. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for merging the Mughal Lines with the Shipping Corporation of India;

(b) what is the total liability of the Mughal Lines; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India has demanded for writing off of the losses of Mughal lines, credit for replacing ships and interest moratorium if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The public sector Mogul Line Co. has been merged with SCI another public sector company in order to ensure better coordination in policy for investment of funds in the public sector, for securing control and efficient management of the funds already invested.

(b) The total outstanding loan and interest liability of MLL as on 30-8-86, the date of merger, was Rs. 172.38 crores.

(c) SCI has submitted proposals for write-off of the accumulated losses of MLLC including loss on sale of some of its ships for scrapping) till the date of merger. It has also been proposed that the fleet of MLL be revalued to reflect its market price at the time of merger and the difference between the written-down value and market price be also written off. No decision has been taken by the Government on these proposals.

Development of Paradip Port

932. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of HYUNDAI Corporation of South Korea amounting to Rs. 230 crores for development of Paradeep Port has run into rough weather; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that South Korea is insisting that India would have to buy certain number of ships from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The proposal is in a preliminary stage and no formal negotiations between Government and the Hyundia Corporation have as yet begun.

(b) In the package of proposals put forward by South Korea the issue of purchase of ships from South Korea has been raised.

Recession in Shipping Industry

933. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state what steps Government have taken to fight recession in the Shipping Industry?